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Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus)

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RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time, up to and including February 27, 2004. A check for nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) is enclosed for the extension of time.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

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